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Four New Police Officers Hit the Street after Friday Police Academy Graduation

Franklin's Finest Again Recognized with Top Honors

Franklin, TN – Four new Franklin Police Officers hit the street Memorial Day Weekend after graduating this past Friday from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy. After a 10-week residential training and certification program, Officers Eric Johnson, Steve Morris, Scott Savage and Phillip Wise each worked their first day on the street, this past Saturday. These officers, who received 16 weeks of in-house training before attending the State's police academy, will spend the next fifteen weeks being closely monitored and evaluated by field training officers before being released for solo patrol.



(Left to right, Eric Johnson, Steve Morris, Scott Savage, and Phillip Wise)

One or more graduating Franklin Police Officers have received top honor awards at the last six consecutive police academy sessions attended by Franklin Officers – this session was no different. Officer Wise was selected, of the 45 other graduates from across the state, as the recipient of the Tennessee Sheriff's Association's *Outstanding Officer Award*. Officer Wise also won top honors as this session's physical training award recipient. With an obstacle course time of 1:39, Officer Wise tied the academy's record top score.

Sgt. Ray Dilworth, a 23-year Franklin Police veteran who oversees the 16-week training program held at Franklin's Municipal Training Center, said *"We're extremely proud of these four officers. They work hard at being the best, and the fact that so many of our recruits receive top graduating honors at TLETA (Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy) is evidence of that. The 16 weeks of training they receive from our training program instructors: Officers Steve Small, Jennifer Harrell, Ryan Schuman, and Ryan Howell, is of extreme benefit to them; it prepares them for success."*

There are currently three new recruits being trained at Franklin's Municipal Training Center. Because all three have previous police experience and certification, they will be sworn in and begin their fifteen weeks of field training after completion of the Franklin Police Department's in-house training program on June 18.

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